BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY COUNTY OF HUNTERDON STATE OF NEW JERSEY



RESOLUTION # 65-08

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY SEEKING AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO PETITION FOR SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 114 AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2008, Governor Corzine signed Executive Order 114 which requires the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and the New Jersey Highlands Council (Highlands) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to coordinate the regulations of both agencies by maximizing affordable housing opportunities while preserving critical environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, COAH and the Highlands have prepared such an MOU, which was adopted by COAH on October 29, 2008 and by the Highlands Council on October 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, COAH regulations establish a December 31, 2008 deadline for municipalities currently under the jurisdiction of COAH to submit third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU establishes a procedure that municipalities under the jurisdiction of both COAH and the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act may follow to seek an extension to the December 31, 2008 deadline set by COAH for the submission of third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provides for an extension of the December 31, 2008 deadline to December 8, 2009 for any Highlands municipality under COAH's jurisdiction that, before December 31, 2008: 1) submits a duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines; and 2) submits a duly adopted resolution notifying COAH of its intent to petition COAH no later than December 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Bloomsbury is not presently under the jurisdiction of COAH, but the Borough intends to seek third round substantive certification of a Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan that addresses the Borough's affordable housing obligation; and

WHEREAS, prior to expending limited resources of funds, time and effort, the Borough of Bloomsbury seeks to determine its affordable housing obligation within the context of the Highlands RMP Conformance process, which will identify development constraints and opportunities that will impact the Borough's ability to plan for and facilitate the production of affordable housing in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2008, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury adopted a resolution notifying the Highlands that the Borough of Bloomsbury has set December 8, 2009, as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Borough of Bloomsbury hereby agrees that the deadline for the submission of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-16 is extended from December 31, 2008 to December 8, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury hereby directs the Bloomsbury Borough Clerk and Attorney to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of this resolution to COAH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury hereby directs the Bloomsbury Borough Clerk and Attorney to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of the December 23, 2008 duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines to COAH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, NJ intends to submit a petition for substantive certification of a third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to COAH not later than December 8, 2009.

Borough Clerk/ Administrator

I hereby certify that the foregoing is an accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, State of New Jersey on

Lisa A. Burd, RMC, Borough Clerk/Administrator

Adopted:

December 23, 2008